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SUBJECT: APRIL 27 EA PRESS SUMMARY

### 1. VIETNAM

PHAM VAN DONG/GISCARD MAPPED FUTURE ECON/POL COOPERATION ,N  
TUESDAY TALKS, ACCORDING GOF SOURCES. AT STATE BANQUET PRE-  
CEDING TALKS, GISCARD SAID SRV/France CAN WORK TOGETHER TO  
PROMOTE ECON RELS/SEA PEACE (WP). AMONG BANQUET GUESTS WAS  
DIENBIENPHU GEN BIGEARD (REUTER NYT).

SPEAKING WITH REPORTERS 4/27, DONG SAID PARIS VISIT HAS  
EXCEEDED HIS WILDEST EXPECTATIONS. DECLARED THINGS GOING  
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IN "VERY SATISFACTORY MANNER" (REUTER PARIS).

### 2. CHINA

PEKING RADIO 4/27 BROADCAST SAYS ONE OF /GANG OF FOUR,"  
CHANG CHUN-CHIAO, WAS ROC SECRET AGENT SINCE 1930'S, DURING  
WHICH TIME HIS ANTI-COMMUNIST/COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY

ACTIVITIES INCLUDED BETRAYAL OF 6 ANTI-GOVT STUDENT LEADERS (REUTER HK).

ACCORDING ASAHI REPORT, PREMIER HUA IS EASING MAO'S HARSH POLICY OF EXILING CITY-BRED YOUTH OF "INTELLECTUALS" TO FARMS THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM HOME (UPI, BALT NA 4/26).

### 3. ANP

WP REPORTS AMB-DESIGNATE ALSTON QUESTIONED ABOUT MEMBERSHIP IN PRIVATE CLUBS ALLEGED TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST BLACKS AND MINORITIES DURING HIS CONFIRMATION HEARINGS. ALSTON SAYS HE DID NOT CONSIDER RESIGNATION INASMUCH AS HE DID NOT REGARD IT AS RELEVANT TO HIS DUTIES. SAYS HE WILL SEEK ADVICE OF THOSE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT AUSTRALIA BEFORE MAKING PERSONAL DECISION.

NYT SAYS A YOUNG FORMER CIA EMPLOYEE ON TRIAL FOR ESPIONAGE CLAIMS HE LEARNED OF "A DECEPTION AGAINST THE AUSTRALIANS" AND THIS DISCOVERY EVENTUALLY LEAD TO HIS BEING BLACK-MAILED AND BECOMING A SOVIET SPY. THE DECEPTION WAS NOT SPECIFIED. "RELIABLE SOURCES" SAID THAT THE REFERENCE WAS TO AN AMERICAN "SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS READOUT STATION."

WSJ (NEWMAN) AND CSM (MILLAR) CARRY LARGE STORIES ON AUSTRALIA'S ECONOMIC SITUATION. WSJ DISCUSSES IMPACT OF CURRENCY DEVALUATION WHICH IS BEING SEEN AS A MISTAKE MAKING FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION MUCH MORE DIFFICULT. QUOTES AMERICAN ECONOMIST AS SAYING WAGE INFLATION ENORMOUS, UNCLASSIFIED

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PRODUCTIVITY DROPPING SERIOUSLY. MENTIONS EMBASSY TREND REPORT SAYING "UPTURN PROCEEDING VERY SLOWLY AND IRREGULARLY." NEGATIVE POLITICAL IMPACT ON FRASER GOVT LIKELY. MILLAR DISCUSSES CONFLICT BETWEEN FRASER AND LABOR UNIONS OVER WAGE FREEZE.

CARTHEW IN CSM REPORTS NZPM MULDOON'S TWO RECENT VERBAL ATTACKS ON PRES CARTER. REPORTS LABOR PARTY LEADERSHIP ATTACKS ON MULDOON FOR COMMENTS WHICH CAN DO NO GOOD FOR NZ RELATIONSHIPS WITH US. SAYS IT LIKELY THAT MULDOON WILL MEET WITH CARTER "LATER THIS YEAR, PERHAPS JUNE."

### 4. JAPAN

GOJ APPROVES ANGLO-JAPANESE JOINT VENTURE BETW LEYLAND INTL/MISUI TO INCREASE JAPANESE IMPORTS/SALES LEYLAND CARS. NEW FIRM, LEYLAND JAPAN LTD, SPLIT 65-35 PCT IN JAPAN'S FAVOR (REUTER TOKYO).

US/JAPAN/EC JOINTLY ORDER NEW STUDY WORLD STEEL TRADE  
AS POSSIBLE STEP TOWARD RESOLVING MAJOR STEEL INDUSTRY  
PROBLEMS. OECD STUDY TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN MO/TURNED  
OVER TO AD-HOC GROUP OECD STANDING TRADE CMTE FOR POLICY

RECOMMENDATIONS. SOME OBSERVERS SEE MOVE AS STEP TOWARDS  
SOME INTL AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE "ORDERLY" STEEL TRADE  
(LAWRENCE, JOC).

JOC REPORTS JAPAN'S NEW FAST-BREEDER REACTOR REACHED  
SELF-SUSTAINING CAPABILITY SUNDAY, W/PLUTONIUM REPROCESSED  
IN UK. US DIPLOMATS IN TOKYO MADE NO COMMENT ON REACTOR'S  
1ST BIG TEST.

LDP SPECIAL CONVENTION MONDAY APPROVED REFORMS DESIGNED  
REVERSE PARTY'S DWINDLING SUPPORT AT POLLS. PRIME PTS  
INCLUDE REVAMPING LDP'S SYSTEM SELECTING PRES/EXPANSION  
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PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP TO 2 MIL (JAMESON, LAT TOKYO 4/26).

IN LOCKHEED AFTERMATH, JUSTICE MIN WILL SOON INTRODUCE  
BILL BEFORE DIET PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR CORRUPTION  
(REUTER TOKYO, WP 4/27).

RUSSIAN CARGO VESSEL RESCUED 29 CREWMEN 4/25 FROM BURNING  
JAPANESE FISHING BOAT IN COLD BAY, 450 MI SW ANCHORAGE  
(WSTAR 4/26).

##### 5. KOREA

WP'S ARMSTRONG CITES "INFORMED SOURCES" WHO SAY "CONCRETE,  
TANGIBLE" EVIDENCE DEVELOPED IN DOJ INVESTIGATION KOREAN  
INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL INDICATES AT LEAST 13 CONGRESSMEN  
ACTIVELY ASSISTED TONGSUN PARK'S EXTENSIVE LOBBYING/BUSI-  
NESS INTERESTS. STATES INTERVIEWS W/DOJ SOURCES/ REVIEW  
"SIGNIFICANT" EVIDENCE MADE AVAILABLE BY NON-GOVTMENTAL  
SOURCES INDICATE SEVERAL FACTORS HAMPERING/DELAYING PROBE.  
AMONG THEM FACT SOME STRATEGIC INFO NOT INCLUDED IN FILES  
PROVIDED BY CIA, DOS/DOD/CIA "KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIALS"  
HAVE NOT OFFERED CRITICALLY IMPORTANT INFO TO INVESTIGA-  
TORS, DOS RELUCTANT USE DIPL CHANNELS TO ENCOURAGE ROKG  
COOPERATION. FOUR NEWLY-NAMED CONGRESSMEN ALLEGEDLY  
INVOLVED CONTACTED BY ARMSTRONG; ALL HAVE NO RECOLLECTION  
ASSISTING TONGSUN PARK, BUT ACKNOWLEDGE THEY MAY HAVE  
DONE SO INDIRECTLY.

NKNA REPORT SAYS NK HAS ALLOCATED 15.4 PCT ITS '77 BUDGET  
TO DEFENSE/WILL INCREASE INVESTMENT IN TRANSPORTATION  
(REUTER HK).

PRELIM TREAS INVESTIGATION INDICATES IMPORTS LEATHER APPAREL FROM SK NOT BEING SUBSIDIZED BY ROKG IN VIOLATION US COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAWS; FINAL DETERMINATION WILL BE MADE BY 10/18 (WSJ; REUTER, NYT).  
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HOUSE SUBCMTE ON INTL ORGS, CHAIRED BY REP FRASER, PLANS OPEN INQUIRY INTO INS' HANDLING ALIEN MEMBERS MOON CHURCH. SOURCES CLOSE TO CMTE SAY BIGGEST SHARE PROBE'S EFFORT/BUDGET WILL BE FOCUSED ON MOON/HIS ORGS IN US; HEARINGS EXPECTED OPEN JUNE OR JULY (POWERS, LAT 4/26).

CHICAGO SYMPOSIUM SPONSORED BY CHICAGO ASSN COMMERCE/INDUSTRY, KOREAN-AMERICAN MIDWEST COMMERCE ASSN ENCOUNTERED HOSTILITY FROM LABOR/CHURCH/INDUSTRY REPS OVER URGING INVESTMENT IN SK. SYMPOSIUM'S MODERATOR SAID HE HADN'T REALIZED CONF WOULD OFFEND ANYONE, EXPRESSED SURPRISE OVER AUDIENCE'S ATTITUDE (WILLE, CDN 4/25).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 6. SINGAPORE

CHITRIB'S FULLER (SINGAPORE) STATES SINGAPORE'S ECON STABILITY PURCHASED AT EXPENSE CIVIL LIBERTIES; PM LEE HAS ATTEMPTED STIFLE POL OPPOSITION/LABOR MOVEMENT/CRITICISM FROM INTL PRESS IN NAME ANTI-COMMUNISM. CITES ARRESTS 3 DOMESTIC JOURNALISTS, 2 OF WHOM EVENTUALLY "CONFESSED" WRONGDOING FROM PRISON CELLS. SAYS THO NO WESTERN JOURNALIST YET ARRESTED, LOCAL STAFFERS SUFFER REPEATED/HARASSING TELEPHONE CALLS FROM LEE'S PRESS SEC, JAMES FU. OBSERVERS SAY LEE WANTS MAKE COUNTRY EXAMPLE STRENGTH/STABILITY TO ASEAN, BUT HAS NEVER GOTTEN OVER BEING "BIG FISH IN A LITTLE POND," NOR IS HE CONVINCED ANY OF HIS COUNTERPARTS IN NEIGHBORING NATIONS "AS SMART AS HE IS."

#### 7. VIETNAM

CSM OBSERVES THAT, SIGNIFICANTLY, PHAM VAN DONG ARRIVED PARIS JUST BEFORE SCHEDULED MAY 3 RESUMPTION THERE OF US/SRV TALKS--OBJECTIVE OF WHICH WILL BE CLEARING AWAY  
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BARRIERS TO ESTABLISHMENT DIPLO RELS BETWEEN WASHINGTON/

HANOI. SAYS FROM US VIEWPOINT, THIS WILL REQUIRE FURTHER VIET ACCOUNTING ABOUT 800 US MIAS, WHILE SRV'S MAJOR INTEREST IS RESUMPTION US ECON/FTNANCIAL ACTIVITY TO HELP REBUILD WAR-TORN VIET NATION. CITING DONG'S CALL ON GOF PREMIER BARRE TO PUT END TO SETTling PROBLEMS OF PAST, AND GIVE DECISIVE SCOPE TO DEVELOPMENT RELS ON ALL FRONTS, CSM SUGGESTS THAT IF DONG WILL APPLY SIMILAR STANDARDS TO RELS WITH US--INCLUDING GREATER WILLINGNESS TO GIVE/TAKE--THEN PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS WILL BE ENHANCED.

8. CHINA

IN HK, CSM'S MORITZ NOTES THAT PREMIER HUA, IN MAJOR POLICY ADDRESS TO TACHING INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE, IS EXPECTED SET IN MOTION ECON POLICY WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL TRANSFORM COUNTRY INTO POWERFUL/MODERN STATE BY END OF CENTURY. FINDS MAJOR OUTLINES ALREADY MADE CLEAR, IN NEWSPAPER EDITS/PARTY JOURNALS/PUBLIC SPEECHES, OF NEW APPROACH MARKEDLY SIMILAR TO THAT ADVOCATED 2 YEARS AGO BY TENG: STEPPED-UP CENTRALIZED PLANNING, WITH STRONGER ROLE FOR NATIONAL ECON MINISTRIES; STRONGER CCP LEADERSHIP WITH TIGHTER LABOR DISCIPLINE; IMPROVED ACCOUNTING METHODS, GREATER WORK EFFICIENCY TO INCREASE PROFITS EARNED BY INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES; STEPPED-UP EFFORTS TO TRAIN TECHNICIANS/SCIENTISTS; AND GREATER RELIANCE ON FOREIGN TRADE/TECHNOLOGY.

9. HONG KONG

MORITZ CITES FILM, "CHU YUAN." NOTES IT COULD BE TALE ABOUT CHOU/CHIANG CHING/MAO, THOUGH OUTWARDLY, AS ENTITLED, IS OFTEN-TOLD STORY OF DISTINGUISHED POET-STATESMAN MORE THAN 2,000 YEARS AGO. NOTES STORY CIRCULATING HK IS THAT FILM WAS DELAYED BECAUSE COULD HAVE BEEN SEEN AS EFFORT PROMOTE PRC MODERNIZATION, AND UN-

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FLATTERING PORTRAYAL OF QUEEN CHENG HSIU ALSO COULD BE INTERPRETED AS -RITICISM OF CHIANG CHING. OBSERVES, HOWEVER, THAT SINCE DOWNFALL "GANG OF FOUR," HK'S LEFT-WING FILM INDUSTRY IS DISPLAYING NEW VIGOR, MAKING/PRO-MOTING WIDER VARIETY PRODUCTIONS THAN BEFORE.

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